

1894-632 Chancery Causes: Gemima Gibson vs. John Gibson  
Lee Co.

Johnson, Henshaw, King, Sprinkle

CA-Divorce  
T-Vices



To the Hon. H. S. K. Macon Judge of the Circuit  
Court of Lee County Virginia:

Respectfully complaining your Oatrix Jennie Gibson  
a formerly Jennie Johnson would respectfully  
represent, that in the month of December 1892  
she intermarried with one John Gibson and thereby  
became his lawful wife.

Your Oatrix states that for a few weeks after said  
marriage, the said John Gibson acted the part of a  
loving faithful and dutiful husband, and during this  
time your Oatrix and her said husband lived happily  
and contented together, and as your Oatrix then thought  
her happiness complete, and that thereafter she would  
have no cause ever to complain, but unfortunately for  
Hanna Oatrix, this state of mind did not long last, for  
after the expiration of a few short weeks of conjugal  
happiness, the said John Gibson began to neglect his home  
his home and his wife, He stood away from his home for  
days and weeks at a time, mixed and mingled and  
associated with the worst elements of society that the  
neighborhood afforded, and thus things continued un-  
till the month of March 1893 when the said John Gibson  
unmindful of his marital obligations, and in total disregard  
of the Moral laws of God and the statute of the state regulat-  
ing the conduct of the citizen, took Charity Hanshaw the  
wife of Hanshaw and left the state of Virginia, and  
is now a resident thereof.

Your Oatrix therefore charges that the said John Gibson is  
guilty of <sup>the crime of</sup> adultery, and besid this he has abandoned your



X Your Oratrix would state that she is now & has been for twelve months preceding the time of bringing this suit a citizen of this County & State

Oratrix and left her to make a living and support herself as best she can, Your Oratrix further states that she has not cohabited with the said John Gibson since she became aware of <sup>the fact of</sup> his infidelity to her, and that such his infidelity was not committed by him or procured by the <sup>consent</sup> connivance of your Oratrix, but against her wish and earnest entreaties.

X Your Oratrix is advised that by the laws of the land and the facts in her case that she is entitled in a court of equity to a divorce à vinculo Matrimonii from the said John Gibson and to attain that end is the object of this bill.

The premises considered your Oratrix prays that the said John Gibson be made defendant to this bill, and be required to answer the same on oath, that order of publication be entered posted and published against him, and upon a hearing of the cause a decree be entered dissolving the bond of Matrimony now existing between your Oratrix and the said John Gibson, and if in anywise mistaken in this her special prayer, then your Oratrix prays for all general relief. May the Commonwealth writ of Spēcia issue directed to

John M. Morgan for Peff



Jemima Gibson *J. M. M.*

vs } Bill for Divorce

~~John Gibson~~

1893 2<sup>nd</sup> April Rules

Bill filed & O. Put

" 1<sup>st</sup> May Rules Contd

2<sup>nd</sup> May Rules order

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cheating by Jeff

" June Term Contd

" Novr " "

1894 March " "

" June " "

" Novr Term Decree

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Jemima Gibson, Plaintiff.

Against

In Chancery.

John Gibson, Defendant.

This cause came on to be heard upon the bill of the Plaintiff and depositions of witnesses therewith, and the order of publication duly made, posted and published against the Defendant as required by law, and was argued by Counsel <sup>for plaintiff,</sup> On consideration thereof it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Plaintiff and Defendant be, and the same are hereby dissolved, and the said Plaintiff is forever divorced from the said Defendant, with leave to the said Plaintiff to marry again. And it is further adjudged, ordered and decreed that the Plaintiff recover against the Defendant her costs in this behalf expended, and the cause is stricken from the docket.



Jemima Gibson, Plaintiff.

Vs. } Decree final.

John Gibson, Defendant.

*Entered in Chambers  
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Enter this decree

*W. L. M.*

November 15, 1894.



The deposition of J.M.Hinshaw, and others taken before me, E.W.R Ewing, a Notary Public in and for Lee county, Virginia, pursuant to notice, at the office of Orr, Blankenship and Ewing, in Jonesville, Va., to be used as evidence in behalf of the plaintiff in a certain action now pending in the Circuit court of said county, wherein Jemima Gibson is plaintiff and John Gibson is defendant, on the 10th day of Oct., 1894.

J.M.Hinshaw, a witness of lawful age being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Ques. 1. State your age occupation and place of residence?

Ans. I am thirty eight. I live near Pennington Gap, Lee county Virginia. Occupation is a farmer.

Ques. 2. State whether or not you are acquainted with Jemima Gibson and John Gibson.

Ans. I have known John about three years, and have known Jemima about two years.

Ques. 3. State whether or not they ever lived together and passed themselves as man and wife?

Ans. Yes, they did.

Ques. 4. State whether or not they are now so living, if not why not, if you know?

Ans. They are not now so living. I was living on King's place In March, 1893, John come to my house one Sunday for dinner. When dinner was ready we all sat down to the table. My wife sat in his lap, eat out of his cup and saucer, and from his plate. In the evening we were at the house of neighbor and John and my wife were out at a pile of logs from the house. I went down to where they were and found them all hugged up, so soon as as they saw me, they jumped as though shot at. They told me that they did not need me in their business. In the evening John was at my house about sun down. I went to get some water and when I returned both he and my wife were gone. They are both now gone from the country. I saw John since in the state of Tennessee and he told me that my wife was at his house.

Ques. 5. State how long Jemima Gibson has been a citizen of this state?



Witness  
claims  
1 day.

Ans. For more than two years last past.

And more this witness does not say.

*his*  
J. M. x Henshaw  
*work*

Geo.W.King, another witness of lawful age, being duly sworn says

Ques. 1. State your age, residence and occupation?

Ans. I am thirty years old, am a farmer, and live near Pennington Gap, Va.

Ques. 2. If you know Charity Henshaw and John Gibson, state whether or not you ever saw them acting indecently, and all you know about it?

Ans. I knew Charity and John. I have known them more than two years. I passed J.M. Henshaw's house one Sunday about the time Charity, his wife is said to have left him, and saw said Charity and John Gibson's lap. I have never seen these parties since that day, and it is understood by the neighborhood that they are gone from the country.

And further this witness does not say.

*his*  
G. W. x King  
*work*

Lee Gibson, another witness of lawful age, being duly sworn, says

Ques. 1. State whether or not you are acquainted with John Gibson and Charity Henshaw, and tell all you know about whether or not these parties are married together, and also all you know about whether or not they ever slept together, and all you know about?

Ans. I am about thirty five years old and live near Pennington Gap, Va. I know John Gibson and Charity Henshaw. Charity Henshaw is the wife of J.M. Henshaw. About two years ago John and Charity come to my house and lived with me a while. While they were there they slept in the same bed. I saw them in the bed together more than once. I have seen them hug and kiss and sit one in the lap of the other. This was since John married the plaintiff, Jemima.

And more this witness does not say.

*his*  
Lee x Gibson  
*work*

Witness  
claims  
1 day.

Witness  
claims  
1 day.



I.G.Sprinkle, another witness of lawful age being duly sworn say,

Ques.1.State whether or not you are acquainted with Jemima Gibson and her husband John Gibson, and tell whether or not you know the fact that her said husband deserted her, and tell whether or not she has lived with her said husband since such dissection?

Ans.I know John and his wife Jemima.I know that John left his said wife about some time in the spring of 1893.Since John disserted his said wife she has not lived or cohabited with him.I heard of the time that John Gibson took Charity Henshaw and went to live at the house of his brother, Lee Gibson, and Jamima has not lived with her said husband since that time.John Gibson married his said wife in the fall of '92.

And more this witness does not say.

*I. G.<sup>his</sup> Sprinkle.*  
*mark*

I, E.W.R.Ewing, a Notary Public in for the county of Lee, state of Virginia, do certify that the above deposition of J.M. Henshaw, Lee Gibson and I.G.Sprinkle were taken before me at the above time place, and for the purpose in the caption stated, and were subscribed and sworn to at the same time.

Given under my hand, this Oct.10th, 1894.

*E.W.R.Ewing,* N.P.



James Gibson  
vs. } Depositions.

John Gibson.

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Received from E W R Ewing  
the Notary Public before  
whom Taken and filed  
October the 10th 1894  
A B Munsey Clerk

Notary fee  
\$2 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.



I do Solemnly Swear that John Gibson my husband  
is a non resident of the state of Virginia as I verily  
believe so help me God.

Jemima <sup>Lee</sup> Gibson  
Mark

Sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1893.

Henry J Morgan Coroner Lohy



Jemima Gibson

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John Gibson



In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of  
*Lee* on the *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *April* 18*93*

*Jennimah Gibson*  
against

Plaintiff

*Sub Chancery*

*John Gibson*

Defendant

The object of this suit is to *obtain a divorce from the*  
*bands of Matrimony now existing*  
*between the Plaintiff and Defendant*

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant

*John Gibson*

*is* not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that *he* do appear here, within *fifteen*  
*days* after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect *his* interest in this suit. And  
it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in the *Lee County*  
*Republican*, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the court-house of this *County*  
on the first day of the next term of the *County* Court.

A copy—Teste:

*J. M. Morgan*

p. q.

*J. A. Hyatt*

Clerk.



*Jennimah Gibson*

vs. }

ORDER OF  
PUBLICATION.

*John Gibson*

*I certify that I  
posted a copy of  
this order at the  
Court house door  
on the 1st day of  
April County Court  
1893. J. A. Schmitt*



In the clerk's office of the circuit court  
of the county of Lee on the 13th day of  
April 1893.

Jemimah Gibson, plff.

vs.

John Gibson, deft.

In

Chancery.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce from the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and defendant. And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant John Gibson is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear here, within fifteen days after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect his interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in the Lee County Republican, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the court-house of this county on the first day of the next term of the county court.

A copy—Teste:

J. A. G. HYATT, clerk.

J. M. Morgan, p. q.

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VIRGINIA, Lee County, To wit: I

Geo. C. Coleman, editor and publisher

of the LEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN, a news-

paper, printed in the town of Jonesville,

in the county of Lee, Virginia, do hereby

certify that the foregoing order of

publication was duly published in said

paper for four successive weeks, from

and after the 15 day of April

1893 Ending on the 20 day of May

..... 1893

Geo. C. Coleman,

Editor and Publisher.



Jennimah Kibrow  
vs 3 Printers  
vs 3 Certificate  
John Gibson

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For fees 5.00